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Merit Award Scholarship Promise Kept

Sen. Jud Gilbert in full support of deadline extension

LANSING -- To keep the promise of the Michigan Merit Award Scholarship for eligible college freshmen, the Senate yesterday took up legislation, co-sponsored by Sen. Jud Gilbert (R- Algonac), to extend the deadline until November 15 this year to certify MEAP results.

“Students have worked very hard to earn these scholarships and they should not be penalized for the results being delayed,” Sen. Gilbert said. “I am in full support of extending the deadline so that all students who earned the scholarship are rewarded.”

Senate Bill 701 extends the date by which a college freshman must certify his or her Merit Award score from September 15 to November 15 for this year only. Delays in the release of the MEAP test this summer have left many college freshmen awaiting notification of whether they qualify for the Merit Award Scholarships.

Final approval by the Senate is expected early next week

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